GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Assessment of MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain shortcomings in implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in the country have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that the wages are being paid to ineligible persons under the said scheme;

(d) if so, the number of such cases reported to the Government during the said period along with the action taken/being taken by the Government in such cases so far;

(e) whether the Government has taken note of non-payment of unemployment allowances envisaged under the scheme during the said period;

(f) if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise and the reasons therefor; and

(g) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for effective implementation of the said scheme across the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a)&(b): The programme has faced challenges of (i) delays in payment of wages (ii) corrupt practices in implementation (iii) poor technical capacity to implement large number of works and (iv) poor quality of assets created. The major steps taken by the Government to improve the programme implementation under MGNREGA are given in the Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): The Ministry, under MGNREGA receives complaints of irregularities including wages being paid to ineligible persons etc. from States/UTs. Since the responsibility of implementation of MGNREGA is vested with the State Governments, all complaints received in the Ministry are forwarded to the concerned State Governments for taking appropriate action including investigation, as per law. Detailed instructions by way of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for dealing with complaints have also been issued to all States/UTs. The year-wise data of the complaints is not being maintained by the Ministry. The cumulative pendency of the grievances is monitored at the Ministry level. The State and UT-wise details of complaints is at Annexure-II.

(e)&(f): As per Section 7 of the MGNREGA, unemployment allowance becomes payable if work is not provided within 15 days from the date of the application or the date from which work has been sought whichever is later. As per the database, unemployment allowance has not been reported as paid by the States/UTs.

(g): The major steps taken by the Government to improve the programme implementation under MGNREGA are given at Annexure-I.

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